

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are being made to simply remove multiple dependencies of the claims.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The nucleic Nucleic acid according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the said
~~normal cells are selected from 208F rat fibroblasts.~~

4. (Amended) The nucleic Nucleic acid according to [one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1,
~~wherein it shows an said nucleic acid shows on~~ enhanced expression in a Ras-transformed cell line in
comparison to a non-transformed cell line or is expressed *de novo* in a Ras-transformed cell line.

5. (Amended) The nucleic Nucleic acid according to [one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1,
~~wherein its the expression of said nucleic acid~~ in Ras-transformed cells is adjusted down.

12. (Amended) The nucleic Nucleic acid according to [one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1,
~~wherein said nucleic acid it has a homology to human sequences, especially human ESTs or EST~~
clusters.

16. (Amended) The nucleic Nucleic acid according to [one of claims 1 to 15] claim 1,
~~wherein it is said nucleic acid is arranged as an oligonucleotide or as cDNA on an array.~~

17. (Amended) A method for diagnosing tumor cells comprising assaying differential
expression Use of a nucleic acid according to [one of claims 1 to 16] claim 1 or a coded polypeptide
~~thereof as a target for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.~~

19. (Amended) Use The method according to claim 17 [or 18], wherein the expression of
said nucleic acid is modulated.

22. (Amended) Use The method according to claim 17 [or 18], wherein the amount
and/or localization of the polypeptide that is encoded coded by said the nucleic acid is modulated.